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Application No. : 10/644,017 Confirmation No.: 6940
Applicant : Richard Guzman
Filed : Aug. 20, 2003
Title : Method and apparatus for distributing soil amendments
TC/A.U. : 3671
Examiner : C. J. Novosad
Docket No. : GUZM3001C/FJD
Customer No. : 23364

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

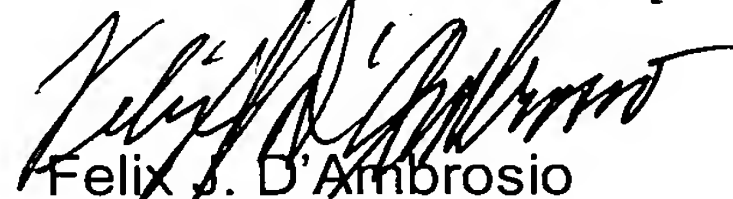
In response to the communication issued by the Examiner on December 6, 2004, relative to "... the deficiency regarding the request for the deletion of an inventor ...", it is respectfully submitted that the STATEMENT filed on August 20, 2003 was filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) not 37 CFR 1.48(b).

Since this application is a continuation of a divisional application directed to the method aspect for the invention, and since Mr. Wise did not contribute to this aspect of the invention, deletion under 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) is proper.

Accordingly, the communication issued December 6, 2004 should be withdrawn so that prosecution can proceed.

Date: January 6, 2005

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